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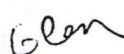
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MINERALS PROGRAM
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Mr. Glen M. Eurick
Environmental and Occupational
Health Coordinator
Barrick Mercur Gold Mines, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Eurick:

Re: Approval of Sunrise Waste Rock Dump Expansion, Barrick Mercur Mine,
M/045/017-88(1), Tooele County, Utah

The Division has completed its review of your April 4, 1989, request for approval of the proposed Sunrise Waste Rock Dump expansion. The request was made to facilitate a very confined time schedule for the Sacramento Pit development at the Mercur Mine. Barrick has provided sufficient justification for the Division to grant advance approval of this portion of the operator's original November 30, 1988 NOI permit revision.

Supportive justification is as follows:

1. The December 17, 1986 approved MRP involves construction of 160 acre top surfaces of waste rock dumps and 216 acres of face surfaces. Currently, the operator has constructed waste rock dumps comprising 85 acres of top surfaces and 85 acres of face surfaces.

The proposed Sunrise Dump will comprise 20 acres top surface and 12 acres face surface. The total being well within the previously approved waste rock dump acreage.

2. The same reclamation provisions as outlined in the 12/17/86 approval will apply to the Sunrise Dump. Sediment control, topsoil stockpiling, revegetation provisions of the dump and associated disturbances are adequate for this portion of the overall permit revision.
3. The Division currently holds sufficient reclamation surety to adequately cover this portion of the proposed mine plan expansion.

The following condition(s) will apply to this approval:

Barrick must acquire all of the pertinent land ownership approvals and clearances prior to initiation of construction. This includes both the private land owner(s) and the Bureau of Land Management.

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As always, the Division's approval is also conditioned upon Barrick's receipt of all other applicable clearances and/or regulatory approvals prior to commencement of construction activities.

The Division appreciates your patience and cooperation in completing this permitting action. Please call if you have any questions regarding this approval.

Sincerely,



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Associate Director, Mining

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cc: Don Ostler, State Health
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